implementation of mobile number portability by TRAI

3856. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mobile number portability has been introduced in most of the developed and developing countries as one of the essential measures of enhancing the competition and improving the quality of service;

(b) whether any order has been passed by any of the judicial/quasi judicial forums directing TRAI to introduce number portability in the country in respect of mobile services; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the TRAI to facilitate the implementation of mobile number portability in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Mobile Number Portability has been implemented in some of the countries namely United States of America (USA), United Kingdom, France, Germany etc.

(b) Yes, Sir. In its order dated 26-12-2006, the Hon'ble State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, Delhi has directed the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) to "bring in 'NUMBER PORTABILITY RULE' as prevalent in the USA and other countries". TRAI has filed a petition before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court for setting aside and quashing the said order.

(c) TRAI had submitted its recommendation on "Mobile Number Portability" to the Government.

Progress of IT industry in India

† 3857. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: .
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that information technology industry has made continuous progress in India since past few years;

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